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BOARD OF GEODETIC ENGINEERING

Board Resolution No. 03
Series of 2003

**ADOPTION OF A CODE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF THE GEODETIC
ENGINEERING PROFESSION.**

WHEREAS, one of the powers and duties of the Board of Geodetic Engineering provided in Section 8 (i) of R.A. No. 8560 known as the Philippine Geodetic Engineering Act of 1998 is "[T]o prescribe and/or adopt a Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the practice of Geodetic Engineering profession;

WHEREAS, upon request of the Board of Geodetic Engineering, the GEP Board of Governors drafted a Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the practice of Geodetic Engineering profession;

WHEREAS, the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. (GEP) in its Resolution No. 02-03-01-E Series of 2000-2001 recommend to the Board of Geodetic Engineering the adoption of the Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the practice of the Geodetic Engineering profession prepared by a Committee composed of past Presidents of the GEP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of GEP after reviewing the draft code approved the same and submitted to the Board of Geodetic Engineering for adoption.

WHEREAS, the Board of Geodetic Engineering also reviewed the Code as proposed by the GEP and finds the same to have been carefully crafted as it provides adequate safeguards that will protect not only the clients but also the geodetic engineering practitioners, apart from infusing principles that will maintain professional standards for the practice of the profession.


WHEREFORE, the Board Resolved as it hereby Resolves to adopt the attached document denominated as "Code of Ethical and Professional Standards" for the practice of the Geodetic Engineering Profession marked as Annex "A" and made an integral part of this Resolution.

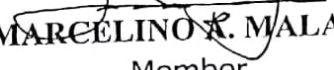
This Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the practice of the Geodetic Engineering profession shall govern the practice of all registered Geodetic Engineers in the Philippines.

This Resolution and the Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for the Practice of Geodetic Engineering appended thereto shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever is earlier.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of April, 2003.


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CODE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE GEODETIC ENGINEERING PROFESSION

Section 1. **Rationale.** Pursuant to Section 8 (I), Article III of RA 8560, otherwise known as the Philippine Geodetic Engineering Act of 1998, the following Code of Ethical and Professional Standards for Geodetic Engineering is hereby adopted.

Section 2. A geodetic engineer and junior geodetic engineer shall:

- a) In all HUMILITY, always recognize the CREATOR as the source of the light that illuminates his professional path and the force that leads to the attainment of his objective;
- b) Always be possessed with the highest standards of INTEGRITY, HONESTY and COMPETENCE in rendering professional service to his client.

It will be considered unethical for him to:

1. Act for his client or employer in professional manners than as faithful agent or trustee;
 2. Charge his client or employer any remuneration other than his stated professional charges for services rendered or to be rendered in accordance with their contract of services;
 3. Take advantage for a fee of his authority to practice as geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer in the execution of geodetic engineering work not done by him personally or executed his direct supervision;
 4. Take advantage of the ignorance, credibility, or confidence of his clients or employers and other persons with whom he deals; and
 5. Act in any manner or engage in any practice which will tend to discredit the honor and dignity of the geodetic engineering profession.
- c) Always be FAIR in his dealing with his colleagues in the profession and other professions.

It will be considered unethical for him to:

1. Cause injury maliciously, directly or indirectly to the good name, the professional reputation, prospect or business of another geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer;
2. Attempt to supplant another geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer after definite steps have already been taken towards the latter's employment;



3. Underbid another geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer by reducing his usual rate after knowing the rate offered by the other geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer;
 4. Advertise in self-laudatory language, or in other manner derogatory to the dignity of the profession;
 5. Hire the employee or employees of a fellow geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer without the prior knowledge or consent of the latter;
 6. Review the work of another geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer for the same client except with the knowledge and consent of said geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer or unless the contract of said geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer with said client has been terminated formally; and
 7. Criticize publicly a geodetic engineer or junior geodetic engineer in connection with a job he has done;
 8. To use the advantages of being a salaried employee to compete unfairly with the geodetic engineers or junior geodetic engineers in private practice.
- d) Always, be LAW-ABIDING, therefore observing and following the prescribed rules and regulations of the profession and those of other laws affect directly or indirectly the practice of the profession.

It will be considered unethical for him to:

1. Practice the profession without a valid license/registration from the PRC and without paying the privilege tax to the government agency concerned;
2. Join in his professional capacity a firm, partnership, association or corporation which represents itself as a geodetic engineering entity, but actually is not authorized under the law.
3. Refuse to serve in his professional capacity when required by the State in cases under litigation whether administratively or judicially, or in cases of national emergency;
4. Give false testimony in administrative or judicial proceedings;
5. Undertake a job for which he is not qualified under the law, e.g. a junior geodetic engineer executing a survey in excess of the limits allowed by law or regulations;
6. Refuse or neglect to report to the authorities concerned erroneous surveys discovered in the course of undertaking his job;

7. Refuse to neglect to pay his workers and employees just wages agreed upon and to provide benefits mandated by law; and
 8. Render service to, or work with, any person or entity, engage in illegal or lawful activities.
- e) Always participate in IMPROVING and ELEVATING the STANDARDS of the profession by exchanging relevant information and experience through technical publications, lectures, seminars, conferences and conventions;
 - f) Always be enthusiastic and devoted in imbuing ESPRIT DE CORPS to enhance and maintain camaraderie between and among members of the profession and the integrated association of geodetic engineers and always comply with his obligations to the latter like payment of his dues to the organization to effectively achieve its objectives as defined in its by-laws;
 - g) Always bear in mind that the practice of the profession should redound to the improvement of the welfare not only of the client but also of the community in particular and of the nation in general, and therefore, he shall always be endowed with the highest degree of SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Section 3. **Sanctions.** Any geodetic engineer and junior geodetic engineer who violates any of the above shall be dealt with pursuant to Section 22, Article IV of R.A. 8560.

"AN HONORABLE GEODETIC ENGINEER OR JUNIOR GEODETIC ENGINEER CONSIDERS FEES OBTAINED THROUGH HONEST AND COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AS MONEY EARNED WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM"

